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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 3015

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GVN-SENEGALESE RELATIONS

REF: DAKAR 1555

1. PARA 3 REFTEL SUGGESTING POSSIBLE RETURN OF GVN EMBASSY TO DAKAR WAS DISCUSSED MARCH 15 WITH MFA DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS. HE INDICATED DECISION TO WITHDRAW GVN EMBASSY IN 1973 WHEN GOS RECOGNIZED "PRG" HAD BEEN TAKEN BY PRESIDENT THIEU HIMSELF AND REVERSAL WOULD BE EXTREMELY UNLIKELY. (WE WOULD NOTE IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR GVN TO ACCEPT A SITUATION GIVING CREDENCE TO COMMUNIST THESIS THAT PARIS AGREEMENT RECOGNIZED TWO EQUAL GOVERNMENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.)

2. WE FLOATED IDEA THAT GVN PERSONALITY MIGHT VISIT SENEGAL, PERHAPS VICE PRIME MINISTER TRAN VAN DON WHO CURRENTLY VISITING SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES. DIRECTOR SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS IDEA WITHIN MINISTRY BUT THOUGHT SUCH VISIT WOULD BE DIFFICULT SINCE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BROKEN. HE NOTED GVN HAD CONTINUED VISITS TO SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH RECOGNIZED "PRG" IN CASES WHERE NEITHER GVN NOR "PRG" HAD A PERMANENT PRESENCE, BUT THAT CASE OF

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SENEGAL WAS DIFFERENT. FURTHERMORE, HE ADDED, SENEGAL HAS TAKEN AN

ACTIVE ROLE IN PROMOTING "PRG" PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

3. WE ALSO SUGGESTED TO DIRECTOR THAT DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS TO AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTRIES MIGHT BE STRENGTHENED, PERHAPS WITH DIRECT MAILING FROM PARIS TO FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN COUNTRIES. DIRECTOR PROMISED TO PURSUE THIS ASPECT WITH ACTING DIRECTOR OF OVERSEAS INFORMATION (THIS FUNCTION WAS RECENTLY TRANSFERRED FROM MININFO TO MFA).

4. COMMENT: WE APPRECIATE DAKAR'S INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW UP WITH MFA TO SEE IF THERE IS NOT SOME WAY GVN CAN GET ITS CASE THROUGH TO GOS ON REGULAR BASIS. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.
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